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SUBJECT: JULY 24 CELEBRATION OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY

1. ACCORDING TO THE WEEKEND PRESS, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY TO GREECE WILL BE CELEBRATED BY ALL GREEKS ON A NON-PARTISAN BASIS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORGANIZED A COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. AT ITS FIRST MEETING ON JULY 5 THE COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY AGREED ON A TENTATIVE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE: A COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY AT THE ATHENS ACADEMY ON JULY 23; A LARGE POPULAR CELEBRATION POSSIBLY IN THE OLYMPIC STADIUM ON JULY 24. THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT HAS INDICATED THAT THE PARLIAMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY.

2. THE GOG'S PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION IN TAKING THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY WILL STEAL THE THUNDER FROM THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION PARTIES AND OTHER GROUPS WHICH COULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT THE OCCASION FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. THESE GROUPS MAY PROCEED ON THEIR OWN ANYWAY. WE WILL BE
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